Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 06 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 04 Dec 2023 at 15:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Wednesday. High for a change to unsettled and less cold weather later in the week but low confidence for daily detail.

Headline for Tuesday 05 Dec 2023: Dry, bright and cold

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	10%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Tuesday 05 Dec 2023

Weather: Chance of a few snow showers across Monadhliath and the northern Cairngorms in the early hours. A cold start to the day with some freezing fog patches in the glens. Otherwise it will be dry, cold day with plenty of sunshine.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Some thin cloud below 300 metres possible across the north of the area at first. Otherwise very good visibility with many ridges and summits seeing very little cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/33 NE	21/27 NE	16/21 NE	11/15 NE	7/10 E	6/7 E	6/8 S	7/10 SE	11/14 S
900	17/22 NE	14/18 NE	10/13 NE	7/9 NE	4/6 E	4/5 SE	6/8 S	6/8 S	8/11 S
600	9/13 NE	8/11 NE	4/7 NE	3/4 E	2/4 SW	2/3 SW	2/4 SW	2/4 SW	4/6 SE
300	5/13 NE	3/10 N	2/6 NE	2/4 E	2/3 S	2/4 S	3/5 S	3/5 S	3/7 SW
Glen	2/11 N	2/9 N	2/6 N	2/4 NW	3/4 SW	3/5 SW	3/6 S	3/7 S	3/9 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-14	-6/-14	-6/-14	-7/-14	-6/-11	-9/-14	-10/-15	-9/-15	-9/-15
900	-3/-10	-3/-9	-3/-8	-4/-8	-3/-6	-3/-6	-4/-8	-4/-8	-5/-10
600	-1/-5	-1/-5	-1/-4	-2/-4	-2/-3	-2/-4	-3/-5	-4/-6	-4/-6
300	0/-2	-0/-2	-0/-2	-1/-2	0/-1	-1/-3	-3/-5	-4/-6	-4/-7
Glen	0/-2	-0/-2	-1/-2	-2/-2	-0/-1	-3/-4	-4/-7	-4/-7	-4/-7
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	300m	300m	300m	200m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Wednesday 06 Dec 2023
Weather: Dry, bright and very cold but some high cloud spilling north in the afternoon making for flat light conditions. Strengthening southeasterly winds will bring heavy snow from mid-evening onwards, gales developing on the summits. Snow will be drifting around in the wind too.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph, increasing to 40 mph gust 55 mph after dark. Winds reaching nearer 80 mph across the Cairngorm Plateau by late evening

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% during daylight

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility with little in the way of cloud on the summits for much of the day. Cloud lowering to 700 metres from the south during the evening and coupled with snow will lead to very poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 10 rising to 0 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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